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SUBJECT: POLITICAL POTPOURRI

1. COMMITTEE OF 9 CALLS ON GOVT TO LEGALIZE PCE. THE
OPPOSITION COMMITTEE OF 9 (THE PSOE CONTINUES TO STAY
AWAY) MET YESTERDAY AND ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CHARGING THE
CREDIBILITY OF THE ELECTIONS WAS BEING UNDERMINED BY
THE "DELAY AND UNCERTAINTY ATTENDING THE LEGALIZATION OF
THE PCE AND OTHER PARTIES "AND IMPLYING THAT ALREADY
LEGAL PARTIES MIGHT RECONSIDER THEIR PARTICIPATION ON
THE ELECTIONS IF THE PCE WERE NOT LEGALIZED. THE COM-
MISSION ANNOUNCED IT WOULD REQUEST AN URGENT MEETING WITH
SUAREZ TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER MATTERS, AND NAMED A SUB-
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COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ (PSD),
SATRUSTEGUI (UL), TIerno GALVAN (PSP), JAUREGUI (PNV)
AND CANELLAS (UDC) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOPED FOR
ENCOUNTER.

2. ABERRI EGUNA IN VITORIA. VARIOUS BASQUE POLITICAL
GROUPS, LED BY THE PNV, HAVE CHOSEN THE ALAVESE

CAPITAL AS THE SITE FOR THIS YEARS COMMEMORATION OF
ABERRI EGUNA (DAY OF THE BASQUE FATHERLAND) WHICH IS
CELEBRATED ON EASTER SUNDAY. THE CIVIL GOVERNOR
REPORTEDLY HAS AUTHORIZED THE PARTICIPATING GROUPS TO
HOLD A ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR RALLY AND MARCH. THE
PNV AND OTHER MODERATE BASQUE ORGANIZATIONS ARE
ATTEMPTING TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMERORATION WILL BE
ORDERLY, BUT EXTREMIST GROUPINGS REPORTEDLY ARE CALLING
FOR A "DAY OF STRUGGLE." IN VIEW OF THE LIKELIHOOD
THAT QUITE A FEW BASQUE "POLITICAL" PRISONERS WILL
STILL BE INCARCERATED ON SUNDAY (IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT
WRITING TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY GIVEN THE COMPLICATED
CASE-BY-CASE NATURE OF THE REVIEW PROCESS AND THE LACK
OF ANY OFFICIAL COUNT), "TOTAL AMNESTY" IS LIKELY TO
BE THE ABERRI EGUNA RALLYING CRY. THIS WILL BE PARTI-
CULARLY TRUE FOR THOSE GROUPS WHO WANT TO RADICALIZE
THE PROCEEDINGS, AND WHO WILL CHARGE THAT SUAREZ HAS
NOT FULFILLED HIS MUCH PUBLICIZED ALLEGED "PROMISE"
TO COMMITTEE OF 9 MEMBER JULIO JAUREGUI THAT "ALL"
BASQUE "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WOULD BE OUT OF JAIL
BY ABERRI EGUNA.

COMMENT: NO ONE BELIEVES AT THIS POINT THAT THE DEMO-
CRATIC OPPOSITION WILL SIT OUT THE ELECTIONS IF
THE PCE IS NOT LEGALIZED. BUT THEY ARE EXPRESSING
THEIR IMPATIENCE WITH THIS STILL UNRESOLVED PROBLEM AND
ARE ATTEMPTING TO APPLY PRESSURE TO THE GOVT. AT A
TIME WHEN THE GOS MIGHT BE RATHER SUSCEPTIBLE TO IT.
THE POSSIBILITY, ALBEIT REMOTE, OF AN ELECTION BOYCOTT
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MIGHT STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THOSE WITHIN THE GOVT. WHO
SUPPORT LEGALIZATION IN THEIR DEBATE WITH THOSE WHO
OPPOSE IT. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THERE IS NOW FAIRLY
WIDESPREAD SPECULATION IN THE MADRID PRESS THAT THE GOS
WILL BITE THE BULLET AND LEGALIZE THE PCE NEXT WEEK. EATON

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